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August 17, 2015

Mr. Scott Haley DEQ-PRO 4949-A Cox Road Glen Allen, Virginia 23060

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RE: VPA Permit No. VPA00583 Renewal Application, Bear Island Paper WB LLC

Dear Mr. Haley:

Aegis Environmental, Inc. is submitting this renewal application on behalf of Bear Island Paper WB, L.L.C. for the facility's Virginia Pollution Abatement (VPA) permit. This permit regulates the surface storage of wastewater in a 15 million gallon "Emergency Basin" that is used to temporarily store liquids intended for the on-site wastewater treatment plant. Two other lined basins with volumes of 5 million gallons and 25 million gallons are located nearby; however, these are used to hold treated water prior to discharging under the facility's VPDES permit, not wastewater. Form A and Form C are attached along with supporting diagrams. Based on conversations with you, we have not completed Forms D-V or D-VI because Bear Island Paper is not seeking a land application or bio-solids disposal permit.

The Emergency Basin was constructed of earthen materials in 1977, and was emptied and lined with a synthetic geomembrane in 1995. One upgradient groundwater monitoring well (MW-2) and two downgradient groundwater monitoring wells (MW-15, MW-25) have been tested quarterly since 1990. Since the installation of the synthetic liner, impacts to groundwater in the vicinity of this basin have declined substantially. All parameters currently monitored have declined, and all analyzed metals have returned to background levels:

- Chromium has not been detected in a downgradient well above background levels since Dec 2010,
- Cadmium has not been detected in groundwater since December 2005,
- Lead has not been detected in a downgradient well above background levels since March 2004, and
- Zinc has not been detected in a downgradient well above background levels since July 2002.

Based on these declining groundwater analytical results, Bear Island Paper requests that VDEQ consider removing metals from the groundwater monitoring program, and reducing the sampling frequency for the remaining indicator parameters to semiannual monitoring events.

Please feel free to contact me at (804) 378-6015 if you require additional information or have any questions about this application.

Sincerely,

Mason A. Pritchett, P.G.

Project Geologist

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1. FACILITY OR APPLICANT INFORMATION

Facility Name or Applicant Name:	Bear Island Paper WB, LLC
County/City:	Hanover County, VA
Physical Location/ Address:	10026 Old Ridge Road, Ashland, VA 23005
Mailing Address:	10026 Old Ridge Road, Ashland, VA 23005

2. OWNER INFORMATION

Owner Legal Name:	Bear Island Paper WB, LLC
Mailing Address:	10026 Old Ridge Road
Telephone Number:	804-227-4035
Email address:	swilson@bi.whitebirchpaper.com

3. OWNER CONTACT INFORMATION

Owner Contact Name:	Scott Wilson
Title:	General Manager
Mailing Address:	10026 Old Ridge Road, Ashland, VA 23005
Telephone Number:	804-227-4035
Email address:	swilson@bi.whitebirchpaper.com

4. EXISTING PERMITS: (e.g., VPA, VPDES; VWP, RCRA; UIC; other)

Agency	Permit Type	Permit Number
VDEQ	VPDES (Industrial discharge)	VA0029521
VDEQ	VPDES (Stormwater)	VA0077763
VDEQ	VPA	VPA00583
VDEQ	Title V	VA50840
VDEQ	Industrial Landfill	573

5. NATURE OF BUSINESS: Paper Mill

SIC Code(s):	2621	

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6.	TYPE OF POLLUTAN	T MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY: check	the appropriate box(es) Proposed) <u>Existing</u>
	Animal Feeding Opera (complete Form B)			
	Industrial Waste (complete Form C	& Form D: Parts D-V & D-VI)		\boxtimes
	Land Application of Mu (complete Form D:			
		Parts D-II, D-IV, D-V & D-VI; and ents for Transport, Storage and Land		
	Reclamation and/or Dis (Application Adden	stribution of Reclaimed Wastewater dum)		
7.	GENERAL LOCATION	I MAP:		
	Provide a general locat	ion map which clearly identifies the	ocation of the facility. At	tached Figures 2 and 3
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	associated with t	mittee agrees to receive by electr he permit that may be issued for the such electronic mail when requested l	proposed pollutant mana	
		mittee declines to receive by elect ne permit that may be issued for the p		
8.	SIGNATURE AND CER	RTIFICATION STATEMENT:		
=	supervision in accordant evaluate the information or those persons directly knowledge and belief submitting false information.	of law that this document and all attace with a system designed to assume submitted. Based on my inquiry of y responsible for gathering information true, accurate and complete. I amount an including the possibility of fine an orized signatory as specified in the V	tre that qualified persons we the person or persons we can, the information submin aware that there are and imprisonment for known	nel properly gather and who manage the system itted is to the best of my significant penalties for wing violations. I further
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	nted Name:	Scott Wilson		200. 7719 10 2075
Title	e:	Scott Wilson General Mance	0,5	

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FORM C

INDUSTRIAL WASTE

PART C-I General Informa	itio	natio	orm	Info	General		C-	RT	⊃Α	١
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and how wastes are	produced.
cled paper pulping. and are transferred paper residues on-site industrial tted discharge holding basins: store treated this is rarely done. dese basins under an emergency fill or wastewater	
r showing the manu duced. Attached F	
tic tank/drainfield,sa	nitary sewe

	d.	Operational Parameters		
	Ave Day	kimum hours/day of operation: rage hours/day of operation: rs/week of operation: ecific months of operation:	24 24 7 January through December	
3.	Non	-Hazardous Declaration		
	a.	Statement for Plant Operations		
		at these plant facilities under the Regulations" or the "VirginiaNo.	g operations, plant processes or was e purview of the "Virginia Hazardous Solid Waste Management Regula planation of the type of permit or req	s Waste Management ations?" <u>X</u> Yes
		Permit #573 to serve as an industrial Paper WB, LLC. The landfill accepts operations. Wastes accepted include ash, papermaking fabrics, office waste	ted by the VA DEQ Solid Waste Facility landfill for the exclusive use of Bear Island only non-hazardous wastes from normal pla estabilized sludges containing no free liquid e, pallets, other wood products, packaging ess equipment that can not otherwise be	
	b.	For waste to be land applied, a sign the following statement.	a responsible person, as defined by	 y VR680-14-01, must
			cribed in this application is non- e Conservation and Recovery Act.	
	,	(Signature of Owner)	Date	

4. Waste Characterization

a. Wastewater - Provide at least one analysis for each parameter. Upon review, additional analyses may be required by DEQ.

concentration
.5 MGD .103 MGD
MG
7.682 /year MG
IVIG/year
.6 mg/l mg/l
mg/l
5.2 mg/l
%
.1 S.U.
mg/l
.12 mg/l
.34 mg/l
1119/1
.24 mg/l mg/l
mg/l
mg/l

b. Sludge - Provide at least one analysis for each parameter. Upon review, additional analyses may be required by DEQ.

<u>Parameter</u>	Concentration*
Percent Solids Volatile Solids pH Alkalinity as CaCO ₃ ** Nitrogen (Nitrate) Nitrogen (Ammonium) Nitrogen (Total Kjeldahl) Phosphorous (Total) Potassium (Total) Lead Cadmium Copper Nickel Zinc	% % %
	mg/kg

^{*} Unless otherwise noted, report results on dry weight basis.

^{**} Lime treated sludges (I0% or more lime by dry weight) should be analyzed for percent CaCO₃.

c. Provide a separate waste characterization listing for each wastewater and sludge generated at the facility. Insert "Yes" beside all parameters believed present and provide at least one analysis for each. Insert "No" beside all parameters believed not present. Indicate "NA" for any parameter already addressed in Item 4a. or 4b.

<u>Parameter</u>	Believed Present (yes or no)	Concentration
Sodium Bromide Total Residual Chlorine Fecal Coliform Fluoride Oil & Grease Total		
Radioactivity Total Alpha Total Beta		
Total Radium Total Radium 226	=	
Sulfate (as SO ₄) Sulfide (as S) Sulfite (as SO ₃)		
Surfactants Total Aluminum Total Barium		
Total Boron Total Cobalt Total Iron	_	
Total Magnesium Total Molybdenum		
Total Manganese Total Tin Total Titanium	<u> </u>	
Total Antimony Total Arsenic Total Beryllium	= ;	
Total Cadmium Total Chromium		
Total Copper Total Lead Total Mercury		
Total Nickel Total Selenium Total Silver		
Total Thallium Total Zinc Total Cyanide		
Total Cyanide Total Phenols Dioxin		
Acrolein		

^{*}If the analysis is for sludge, report results on dry weight basis.

c. (Continued)

<u>Parameter</u>	Believed Present (yes or no)	Concentration
A Y W		
Acrylonitrile		
Benzene	****	
Bis(Chloromethyl)Ether		
Bromoform		<u> </u>
Carbon Tetrachloride		1
Chlorobenzene		
Chlorodibromomethane		
Chloroethane		
2-Chloroethy Ivinyl Ether		
Chloroform		
Dichlorobromomethane		
Dichlorodifluoromethane		
1,1-Dichloroethane	A	
1,2-Dichloroethane		
1,1-Dichloroethylene		
1,2-Dichloropropane		
1,3-Dichloropropylene	(
Ethylbenzene		
Methyl Bromide		
Methyl Chloride		
Methylene Chloride		
1,1,2,2-Tetrachlorethane		
		
Tetrachloroethylene		
Toluene		
1,2-TransDichloroethylene1		
1,1,-Trichloroethane		
1,1,2,-Trichloroethane		
Trichloroethylene		
Trichlorofluoromethane		
Vinyl Chloride		
2-Chlorophenol	-	
2,4-Dichlorophenol		
2,4-Dimethylphenol	()	
4,6-Dinitro-O-Cresol		
2,4-Dinitrophenol		
2-Nitrophenol		
4-Nitrophenol		
P-Chlor-M-Cresol		
Pentachlorophenol		
Phenol		
2,4,6-Trichlorophenol		
Acenaphthene		
Acenaphtylene		
Acenaphtylene		
Benzidine		
Benzo(a)Athracene	-	
Benzo(a)Pyrene		
3,4-Benzofluoranthene		
Benzo(ghi) Perylene))	
Benzo(k)Fluoranthene		
Bis(2-Chloroethoxy)Methane		
Bis(2-Chloroethyl) Ether		
Bis(2-Chloroisopropyl)Ether		
Bis(2-Ethylhexyl) Phthalate		
4-Bromophenyl Phenyl Ether		
Butyl Benzyl Phthalate		
4-Chlorophenyl Phenyl Ether		
2-Chloronaphthalene		
Chrysene		
Dibenzo(a,h) Anthracene		

c. (Continued)

<u>Parameter</u>	Believed Present (yes or no)	Concentration
1,2-Dichlorobenzene 1,3-Dichlorobenzene 1,4-Dichlorobenzene 3,3'-Dichlorobenzidine Diethyl Phthalate Dimethyl Phthalate		
Di-N-Butyl Phthalate 2,4-Dinitrotoluene 2,6-Dinitrotoluene		
Di-N-Octyl Phthalate 1,2-Diphenylhydrazine(as Azobenzene)		
Fluoranthene Fluorene Hexachlorobenzene		
Hexachlorobutadiene Hexachlorocyclopentadiene Hexachloroethane		
Indeno(1,2,3-cd)Pyrene Isophorone Naphthalene Nitrobenzene		
N-Nitrosodimethylamine N-Nitrosodi-N-Propylamine N-Nitrosodiphenylamine		
Phenanthane Pyrene 1,2,4 - Trichlorobenzene		
Aldrin á- BHC â- BHC		
ã- BHC ä- BHC Chlordane		
4,4'- DDT 4,4'- DDE 4,4'- DDD		
Dieldrin á-Endosulfan â-Endosulfan Endosulfan Sulfate		
Endrin Endrin Aldehyde Heptachlor	== :	
Heptachlor Epoxide PCB - 1242 PCB - 1254		
PCB - 1221 PCB - 1232 PCB - 1248		
PCB - 1260 PCB - 1016 Toxaphene		
Chloromethane Chlorpyrifos Demeton		
Dichloromethane (2,4-dichlorophenoxy) acetic acid (2,4-D)		
Di-2-Ethylhexyl Phthalate MBAS		

	Parameter Believed Present (yes or no) Concentration Lindane Hydrogen Sulfide
d.	Provide a separate waste characterization listing for each wastewater and sludge generated at the facility. List any additional parameters believed present in the spaces provided below and provide at least one analysis for each.
	<u>Parameter</u> <u>Concentration</u>
rela disp Th mi wa co wa a	efly describe the design and provide a line drawing of the waste treatment facility which ates the various components of the treatment system including source(s), treatment unit(s), posal alternatives, and flow estimates from the various process units. The facility has three HDPE-lined wastewater holding basins on-site: 5 million gallon, 15 million gallon, and 25 million gallon. The 5MG basin and 25MG basin store treated astewater that can not be discharged to the North Anna River due to extreme drought anditions. The 15MG basin is used as an emergency holding basin to store mill astewater during upset conditions at the mill or wastewater treatment plant. See Figure 4 for diagram of wastewater treatment processes. A groundwater monitoring program has been effect for the basins since at least 1989.

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6.		cate the number and type of was require additional information up		g, indicate the volume; DEQ									
		No.	Existing (Volume)	Proposed									
	3	Earthen Storage Pond Storage Pit (HDPE lined) Storage Tank Anaerobic Lagoon Other	5, 15, 25 MG - wastewater only, no sludge										
7.	appı	e the existing storage/treatment roved by the Department of Envir		d 6 above been previously									
		If yes, provide the date of the approval and proceed to Item 8. Approval Date: 2/16/06 (Current VPA Permit)											
	If no	, provide information required b	y Items 9, 10, and II.										
8.		e the previously approved facilitie No_X	es been altered or expanded?										
		s, it will be necessary to provide and 11.	the information for such facili	ties, as required by Items 9 &									
	If no	, proceed to Item 12.											
9.	how hydr facili	ride conceptual design for the tre ground water will be protected. ology, and topography. The follo ty identified in Item 6 above and n either previously approved or w	Demonstration should include owing information must be provi for those existing facilities in It	soil evaluat ion, geology, rided for each proposed									
	a.	Design calculations for volume ((ft³) and estimated days of sto	rage									
	b.	Description of lining material an	d permeability										
	C.	Plan and cross-sectional views											
	d.	Depth to seasonal high water tab	ole and separation to permane	nt water table.									

10.	Will the proposed waste storage/treatment facilities be located within the 100YesNo.	year flood plain?
	If yes, what is the elevation of the I00-year flood plain and elevation of the pro- Also, how will the waste storage facilities be protected from flooding? (Flood obtained from your local county zoning/planning department).	oposed facilities. elevation can be
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11.	Will the proposed or existing storage/treatment facilities receive any storm wate YesNo.	r runoff?
	If yes, provide total area (square feet, acres, etc.) from which runoff will occur area on the line drawing (Item 5).	and indicate this
	Total area: Dimensions:	
12.	Will any part of the waste genera ted at your facility be land applied? Yesyes, Part C-II must be completed.	_ No <u>X</u> . If

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FORM C

INDUSTRIAL WASTE

PART C-II Land Application and Waste Handling Procedure

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Items	1-12 pe	rtain to	the	land	application	of industrial	sludge/wastewater	at frequent	and infrequen

rates. The applicant may request a waiver in writing for any of the required information if it is not pertinent to their operation.

- 1. For each land application site provide a topographic map of sufficient scale (5 foot contour preferred) clearly showing the location of the following features within 0.25 mile of the site. Provide a legend with approximate scale. (See General Instructions for map requirements.)
 - a. Proposed or existing ground water monitoring wells
 - b. General direction of ground water movement
 - c. Water wells, abandoned or operating
 - d. Surface water
 - e. Springs

Facility Name:

- f. Public water supply(s)
- g. Sink holes
- h. Underground and/or surface mines
- i. Mine pool (or others) surface water discharge points
- j. Mining spoil piles and mine dumps
- k. Quarry(s)
- I. Sand and gravel pits
- m. Gas and oil wells
- n. Diversion ditch(s)
- o. Agricultural drainage ditch(s)
- p. Occupied dwellings, including industrial and commercial establishments
- q. Landfills or dumps
- r. Other unlined impoundments
- s. Septic tanks and drainfields
- t. Injection wells
- u. Rock outcrops
- v. Soil boring or test pits locations
- w. Subsurface drainage tile

- For each land application site provide a site plan of sufficient detail to clearly show any landscape features which will require buffer zones or may limit land application. Provide a legend and clearly mark the field boundaries and property lines. The following landscape features should be delineated. (See General Instructions for map requirements.)
 - a. Drainageways
 - b. Rock outcrops
 - c. Sink holes
 - d. Drinking water wells and springs
 - e. Monitoring wells
 - f. Property lines
 - g. Roadways
 - h. Occupied dwellings
 - i. Slopes (greater than 8% by slope class)
 - i. Wet spots
 - k. Severe erosion (SCS designation)
 - I. Frequently flooded soils (SCS designation)
 - m. Surface waters
- 3. Provide a complete description of agronomic practices for each crop to be grown, on field-by-field basis including a nutrient management program, soil and/or plant tissue testing, and the coordination of tillage practices, planting and harvesting schedules and timing of land application.
- 4. Describe all land application methods and any equipment used in the process.
- 5. Provide a detailed soil survey map, preferably photographically based, with the field boundaries clearly marked. (A USDA-SCS soil survey map should be provided, if available.)

Provide a detailed legend for each soil survey map which uses accepted USDASCS descriptions of the typifying pedon for each soil series (soil type). Complex associations may be described as a range of characteristics. Soil descriptions should include the following information.

- a. Soil symbol
- b. Soil series, textural phase and slope class
- c. Depth to seasonal high water table
- d. Depth to bedrock
- e. Estimated productivity group (for the proposed crop rotation).
- f. Estimated infiltration rate (surface soil)
- g. Estimated permeability of most restrictive subsoil layer

- 6. Representative soil borings for frequent land application and fixed spray irrigation s, (to no less than 5 ft. or to the water table) are to be conducted for the typifying pedon of each soil series (soil type) and the following data collected and tests performed. All results for infiltration and permeability tests should be enclosed. Provide information on the items below:
 - a. Soil symbol
 - b. Soil series, textural phase and slope class
 - c. Depth to seasonal high water table
 - d. Depth to bedrock
 - e. Estimated productivity group (for the proposed crop rotation).
 - f. Estimated infiltration rate (surface soil)
 - g. Estimated permeability of most restrictive subsoil layer
- 7. Representative soil samples are to be collected for each major soil type and analyzed for the soil parameters indicated on Page C-II.6. Samples are to be taken at a depth of 0-6 in.
- 8. Land Area Determination:
 - a. Land area requirements are to be calculated and justified for each of the parameters listed below:

<u>Par</u>	<u>ameters</u>	Method of Determining Required Area						
1.	Nitrogen	Crop uptake, immobilization denitrification, leaching						
2.	Phosphorus	Crop uptake, soil adsorption						
3.	Potassium	Crop uptake						
4.	Sulfur	Crop uptake, soil adsorption leaching						
5.	Salts	Sodium Adsorption Ratio (SAR), leaching						
6.	Carbon/Nitrogen Ratio	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,						
7.	Metals(Ni, Cu, Zn, Pb,	Cumulative loading for site life						
	Co, Cd or other)	-						
8.	Anions (As, B,	Leaching, Soil Adsorption						
	Chlorides)	,						
9.	Calcium Carbonate							
	Equivalency	Soil pH management						
10.	Other Parameters	•						
	(As needed or as reques	sted by DEQ)						

For each parameter and method of assimilation, (i.e. crop uptake, denitrification, immobilization, soil adsorption leaching, etc.), the required land area is to be justified by attach ing calculations and appropriate references. Allowances for soil adsorption are to be justified by pertinent soil testing.

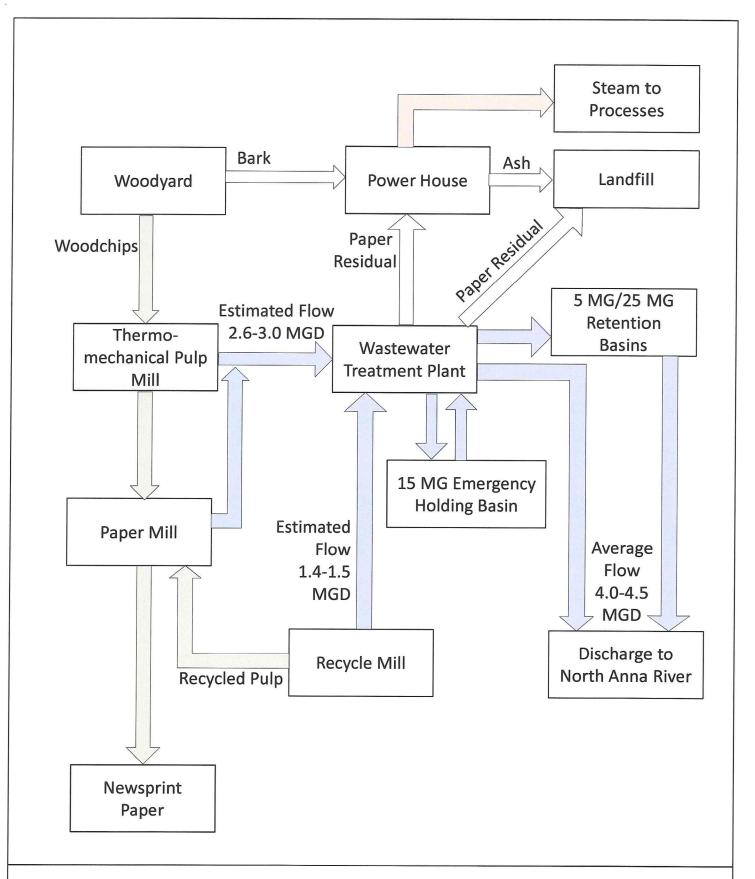
Provide calculations describing the nutrient value of the waste as lbs per dry ton or mg/l nitrogen (PAN), phosphorus (P $_2O_5$), potassium (K $_2O$), and any liming effects which may occur from land application.

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AUTHORIZATION TO LAND APPLY WASTE

(Land Owner must sign and date this approval)

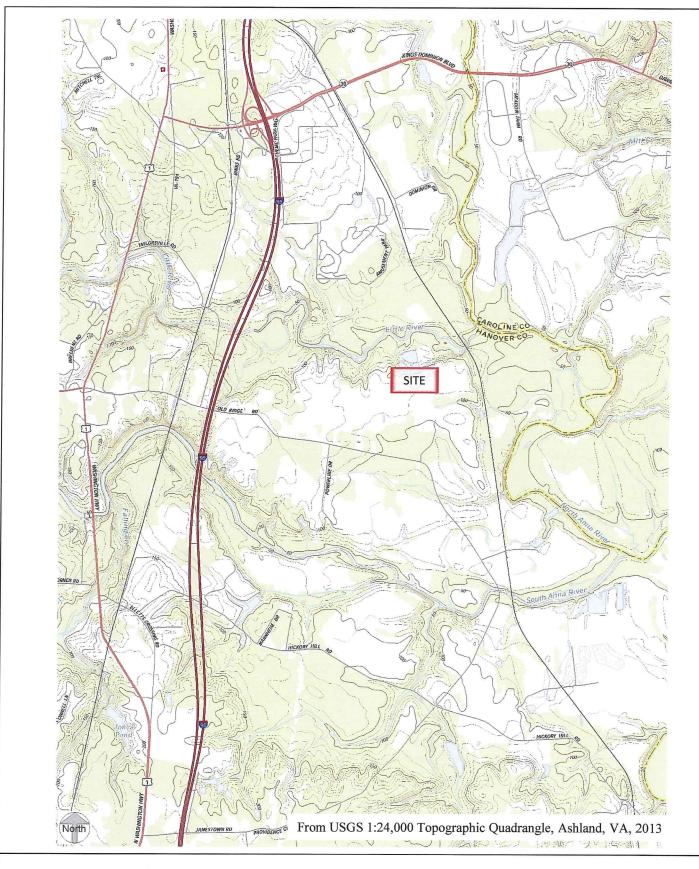
As land owner, I author wastewater/sludge to will remain in effect un authorization has beer		
Name:		
Address:		
Telephone:		
Site Location(s)		
Date:		
Signature:		





Process Flow Diagram
Bear Island Paper WB, LLC

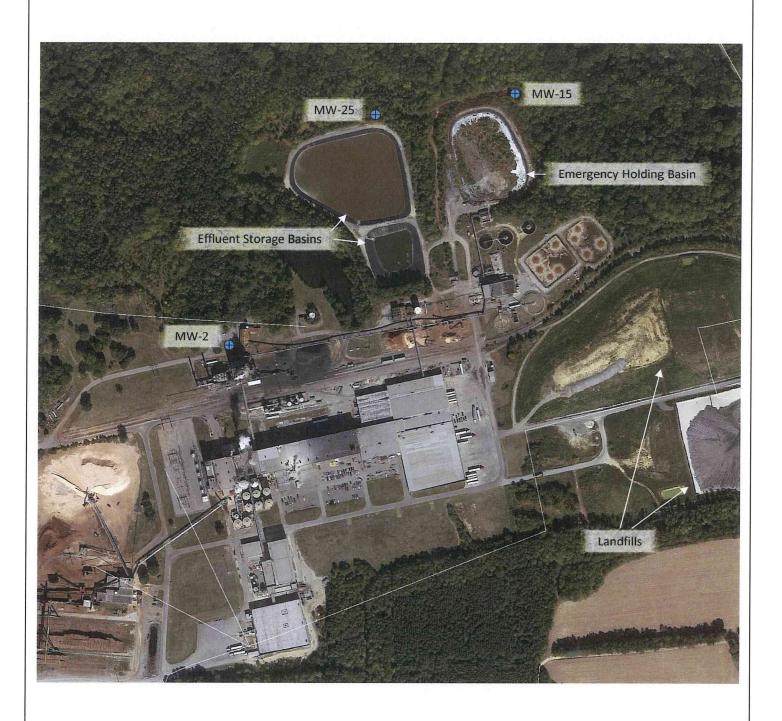
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Location and Topographic Map
Bear Island Paper WB, LLC

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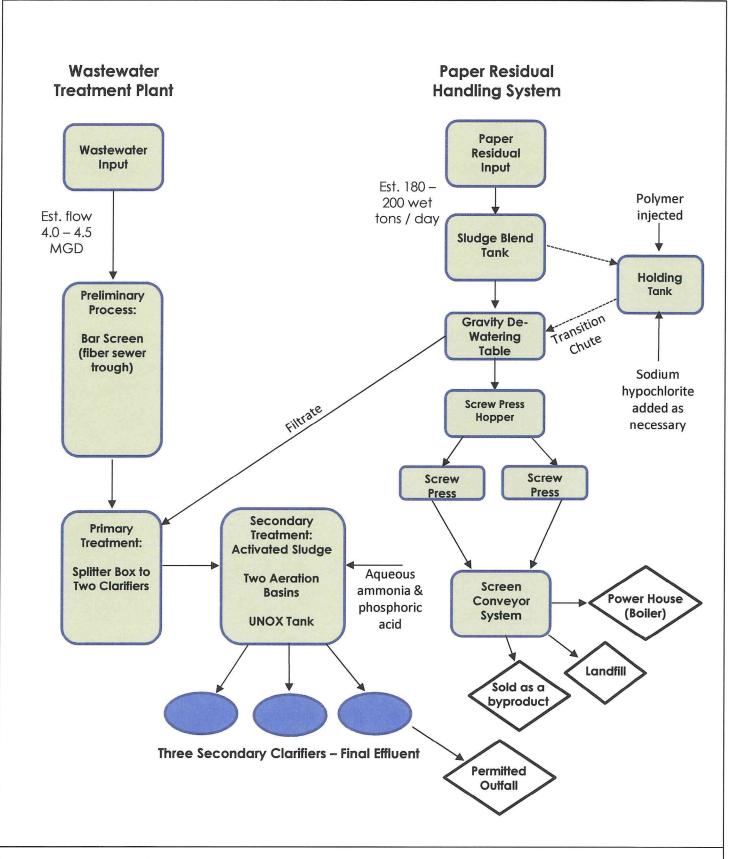






VPA Site Plan
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Waste Treatment Flow Diagram Bear Island Paper WB, LLC

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